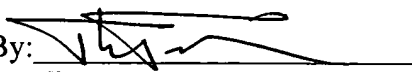


Remarks:

Applicant makes this amendment on the merits that the United States Government may have rights to this patent application.

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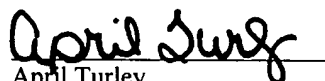
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